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New Hours of Operation for Carlton County Recycle Centers

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On April 1, 2015, all five staffed recycling centers in Carlton County have changed their hours of operation so all county staffed recycling centers operate on the same schedule year round. The new year-round schedule is as follows: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 2 PM to 6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 1 PM, year round. Carlton County staffed recycling centers are located in the City of Bar-num, City of Moose Lake, City of Carlton, Esko/Thomson Township, and Perch Lake Township. The City of Carlton, City of Moose Lake, and Esko/Thomson Township recycling centers will have expanded hours due to the change. This effort is to help Carlton County residents remember and therefore more readily utilize the recycling centers. Standardizing the hours of operation will also help the county better assist the city or township recycling center managers.

To view a map of county staffed and unstaffed recycling center locations, visit the Zoning & Environmental Services webpage at carltoncounty.com or click here

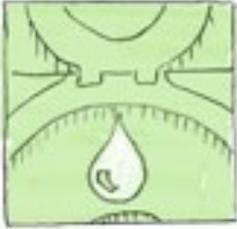
<http://tinyurl.com/mdpbwsb>

For instructions on how to recycle using the county staffed and unstaffed recycling centers, click here <http://tinyurl.com/q72ucej>

Happy 45th Earth Day!

April 22, 2015, is the 45th year of celebrating Earth Day. The event is a time to reflect on how we live as citizens of the Earth and how we will leave it for future generations.

5 ways you can go a little greener this year.....



Check your toilet for leaks. Toilets are especially leak-prone (20% of all toilets leak), and a leaky toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water every day. Unfortunately because toilet leaks are often silent, you may not even know that you have one. Click here to learn more <http://tinyurl.com/>



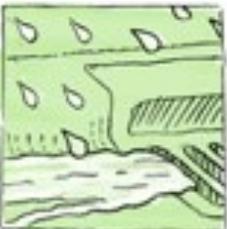
Reduce food waste. More than 34 million tons of food is thrown away each year in this country. Here in Minnesota, the average household wastes almost \$100 worth of food every month. This is bad for our wallets — and for the environment. A few simple changes in how you buy, cook, and store food can make a big difference. Food waste is now accepted at the Carlton County Transfer Station. Click here to learn more <http://tinyurl.com/njkr8dx>



Start composting. Organic wastes such as yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 16% to 30% of waste produced by the average household. By composting, you can convert this waste into a dark, crumbly mixture that you can use to improve your garden soil and reduce your use of fertilizer and water. Click here to learn more <http://tinyurl.com/q7qheh3>



Recycle more. Recycling isn't just for cans, bottles, paper and a few plastics anymore. How about mattresses? Holiday lights? Carpet? To learn how you can recycle unusual materials, keep them out of landfills, and benefit Minnesota's economy and environment at the same time, go to <http://www.recyclemoreminnesota.org>



Keep pollutants out of our lakes and streams. Reduce runoff from your driveway and yard. Build a rain garden; make sure that rainwater soaks into the ground rather than runs off. If you prefer, capture rainwater for watering your yard and garden. Either way, stormwater runoff is reduced and our lakes and rivers stay clean. Click here for tips on capturing rainwater and preventing runoff <http://tinyurl.com/pedwn8r>

Six Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors Hired for Carlton County Boat Landings

Six Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors have been hired by the county and will be trained by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct boat inspections and surveys at public boat landings in the county. The inspectors are part of Carlton County's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan. The inspectors are the major component of the AIS plan for outreach and education. Say hello to our inspectors who will be located at Chub Lake, Island Lake, Tamarack Lake, Eagle Lake, Cole Lake, Hanging Horn Lake, Bear Lake, Hay Lake, Park Lake, Sand Lake, Moose Lake, and Big Lake this summer.

The county will also be partnering with CLIMBE Theater to develop in-classroom presentations on AIS prevention education for kindergarten through sixth grades. The presentations will include the following learning objectives:

- To define aquatic invasive species and ecosystem.
- To explain how aquatic invasive species negatively affect lakes.
- To identify ways to prevent aquatic invasive species from traveling between lakes.
- To encourage students to talk with their families and help them to remember to clean, drain, dry.



- 1. CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.
- 2. DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.
- 3. DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your live bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

TOP 5 REASONS TO RECYCLE

- 1 CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES
- 2 REDUCES THE NEED FOR LANDFILLS
- 3 PREVENTS POLLUTION
- 4 SAVES ENERGY
- 5 CREATES JOBS

Carlton County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Carlton Co. Transfer Station,
1950 Highway 210, Carlton

***OPENING FOR
THE SEASON***
Tuesday, May 5th

Open Tuesdays *AND*
Saturdays
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Carlton County Recycle Center

*** *New Hours as of April 1, 2015* ***

Year-Round Hours for all Staffed Recycling Centers

Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Carlton County Recycling Center Locations

Barnum (Behind Fire Hall)
Carlton (County Highway 1)
Moose Lake (Next to Arena)
Esko (Next to Town Hall)
Perch Lake (Next to Town Hall)

Carlton County Transfer Station

April 1 - October 31

Monday - Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

STAFFED SHEDS (BARNUM, CARLTON, PERCH LAKE, MOOSE LAKE AND ESKO/THOMSON):

Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1 thru #7, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans, Newspapers, Magazines, Box Board and Office Paper

UNSTAFFED SHEDS (BLACKHOOF, CROMWELL, HOLYOKE, KETTLE RIVER, MAHTOWA, WRIGHT):

Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1 thru #7, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans and Newspapers

TRANSFER STATION:

Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1 thru #7, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans, Newspapers, Magazines, Corrugated Cardboard, Car Batteries, Medical Sharps, Used Motor Oil and Filters, Antifreeze, Food Waste, Donation Box for Clothes and Shoes, and Scrap Metal.

